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PETTICOAT GOVERNMENT COMING?

MORE WOMAN VOTERS.

EQUAL RIGHTS WITH MEN.

FURTHER LEGISLATION INTRODUCED.

WOMAN MEMBER'S MAIDEN SPEECH.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 29.

The House of Commons by 288 to 72 votes passed the second reading of a bill moved by the Labour member Mr. Adamson to amend the Representation of the People Act of 1918, with the object of enfranchising women of twenty-one years of age and upwards, both for local government and Parliamentary elections, thus placing the whole franchise for both sexes, other than university electors, on a similar basis of residence.

Miss Jewson made her maiden speech in seconding the bill. She spoke confidently and made her points clearly. She was frequently cheered.

Miss Jewson claimed that the experiment of the enfranchisement of women in 1918 had been amply justified. "Women voted wisely and well. She ridiculed fears of petticoat government by women combining to out-vote men."

The Duchess of Atholl moved an amendment in favour of a conference of all parties to decide what further alteration to the franchise was desirable. "She expressed the opinion that prior to a great extension of the franchise they ought to wait until women had gained experience of local government. The bill would mean an increase of from 3,500,000 to 5,000,000 voters. It would give women a majority over men."

Mrs. Wintington and Lady Astor supported the bill but Lord Hugh Cecil opposed it.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, said the Government would try to find time to pass the bill if it passed the committee.

LIVELY POLITICS.

FRENCH CHAMBER UPROAR.

FREE FIGHT ENSUES.

PARIS, February 29.

There were tumultuous scenes in the Chamber of Deputies in the course of debate on the interpellation regarding the Government's internal policy.

Former Premier M. Painleve was dealing with the alleged Royalist activities of M. Daudet, when the royalist M. Magne shouted "Canaille!"

Thereupon the Left members rushed upon the Right members and a general melee ensued.

Blows were exchanged and the sitting was suspended.

SHIPYARD LOCKOUT.

KIEL, February 29.

The shipyards have locked out 13,000 workers owing to the refusal of a nine instead of an 8-hour day.

ANCIENT MINES.

VAST CAVES IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.

Picture to yourself caverns in whose vast blackness St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey could be so hidden away that powerful searchlights would be needed to find them again, and these all the work of human hands, totalling through the long centuries under successive dynasties of Indian rulers, burrowing their laborious way into mountains of solid salt.

The mines of Kewra, in the Salt Range mountains of the Punjab, might well be counted among the wonders of the world, but are seldom visited by tourists, lying as they do rather of the beaten track on a branch line of railway, a night's journey from Lahore.

One enters a small tunnel in the mountain side, the tunnel is running down a gentle slope, and by the time the last glimmer of daylight has vanished it is possible to see by the faint glow of the lantern that the sides of the tunnel are no longer of earth and rock, but hewn out of the salt.

Describing the interior of this place, a correspondent to the *Weekly Telegraph* writes:

Our guide lights a piece of magnesium wire, and its dazzling glow reveals that we are standing on a bridge or cause-way, with an abyss on either side. Now the rocks come into use. With a "swish" they go up in all directions, and burning stars reveal here and there the glittering sides of an immense cavern, apparently rectangular in shape.

A large lantern is dispatched, and a steady upward progress begins to Hamman's a small portion of the

roof over-head. A dark square cavity appears. The balloon sails through, and we realise that it has entered another huge cavern, possibly as big as the one we are in. Nor is that the last, as the balloon, now a mere speck of light, is seen to pass through still another opening.

These mines contain no "fire damp" or other inflammable gases, and a large natural cave containing a lake of brine, the roof hung with glittering stalactites, some of gigantic size. Further on is the present working face where gangs of coolies are busy with the pick and loading up trucks.

The early history of the workings is lost in antiquity. When the Punjab was conquered, after the Sikh Wars of 1846 and 1848, the British took over the mines as a going concern, but for many centuries before that successive native rulers had found in them a valuable source of revenue, and the means of supplying their dominions with one of the most important necessities of life.

In a despatch from Speyer, a correspondent discusses the political situation in the Palatinate. The idea of separation from Germany has been abandoned, and the autonomous Government now demands that the Palatinate shall form part of a Rhineland State within the limits of Germany.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS.

SANE MAN ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM.

AWARDED £25,000 DAMAGES.

ROYAL COMMISSION PROPOSED.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 29.

A proposal is being made that the Government should appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the lunacy laws, as the result of a lawsuit in which a farmer named Harnett has been awarded a total of £25,000 damages against two doctors, the Bond Commissioner in lunacy, and a man named Adam who has a home for mental cases.

Harnett was detained in asylums for over eight years, but escaped in 1921, when specialists certified him sane. The jury found that he was sane when he was detained in 1912 and that reasonable care had not been exercised.

A stay of execution has been granted pending an appeal.

FINANCES HEALTHY.

INDIA'S BALANCED BUDGET.

MILITARY COSTS DOWN.

DELHI, February 29.

In the Assembly Sir Basil Blackett, Finance Member of the Executive Council, produced a balanced budget for part of the year.

He said the financial position was more satisfactory than in the previous twelve months and he estimated the existing taxation for a surplus of nearly 3½ crores next year.

Practically the only important tariff change was a reduction in the excise duty on motor spirit by 1½ gallon.

The salt tax had yielded three crores less than expected. The question of reduction would be left to the Assembly to decide.

Military expenditure next year would show a considerable reduction.

Trade conditions were steady, but difficult. There was the prospect that the visible balance of trade in favour of India might reach a record.

[A crore is ten millions or one hundred lakhs, usually of rupees.]

NAVAL OIL LEASES.

SENATE STILL PROBING.

WASHINGTON, February 29.

The Senate passed a resolution for investigation of the income tax returns of Mr. Fall, Mr. Doheny, Mr. Sinclair and others concerned in the oil leases.

The enquiry then considered a resolution for the examination of Mr. Daugherty's administration as Attorney-General.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The oil lease scandal has arisen out of the Teapot Dome concessions which were granted to the oil magnates Doheny and Sinclair. The concessions have been revoked by the Interior and Mr. Denby, former head of the Navy Department, both resigned over the scandal, but Mr. Daugherty has hitherto refused all demands to resign.

BIG CONTRACTS PLACED.

£1,000,000 POST OFFICE FOR SINGAPORE.

The *Daily Mail* of January 14 has the following:—

The London Firm, Messrs. Perry and Co. (Bow) Ltd., have secured the contract for the new General Post Office at Singapore, a building of reinforced concrete, which will cost about £1,000,000.

This work is expected to occupy four years. As much of the material as possible will be purchased in this country.

Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., have secured the order for a 25,000 h.p. water-turbine, which they will install on Calumet Island, in the Ottawa River, in the province of Quebec, for the generation of electric power. The turbine will be the largest of its type ever built in England.

Signs of better times for trade in general are multiplying. It is probable that work will shortly be resumed on dock extensions on the Clyde, between Strathall and Rinfrew Ferry. The work was stopped during the war, and high costs led to its further postponement. Prospective tenders for part of the work were shown over the site a few days ago. This dock will take five years to construct, and will cost about £3,000,000.

Another hopeful sign is the reopening of the Llangany stone mine in North Wales and the blowing-in of these furnaces on the north-east coast.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on MONDAY, 3rd March 1924, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT Co., LTD.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 6th March, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March, 1924; both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1923, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 25th day of February, 1924, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL.

Issue of 95,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of \$10 each, (\$7.50 paid up).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive. For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd.

S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC. announces the removal of their offices effective February 28, 1924 to No. 4-A Des Voeux Road Central (New Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building).

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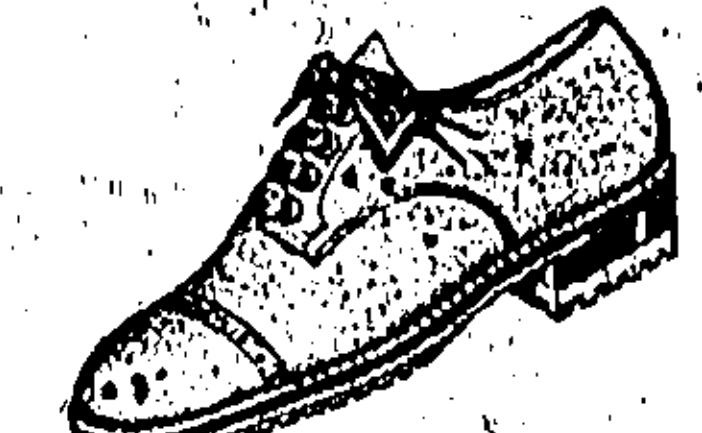
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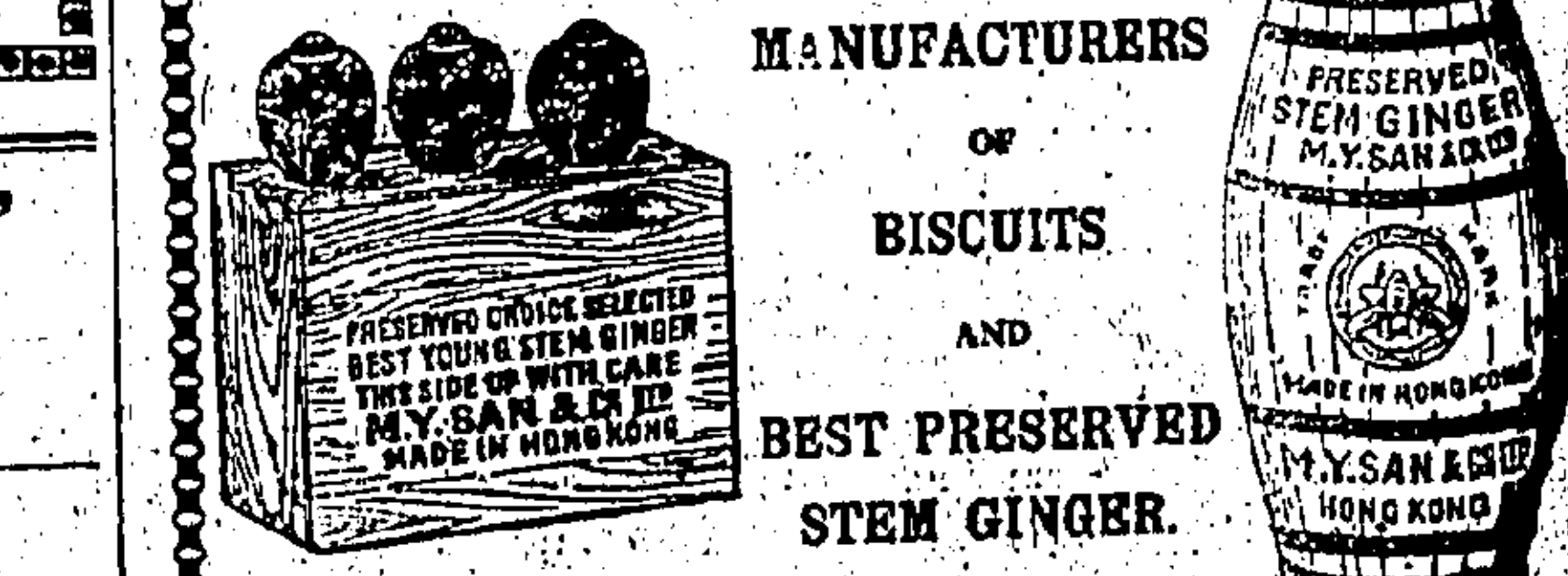


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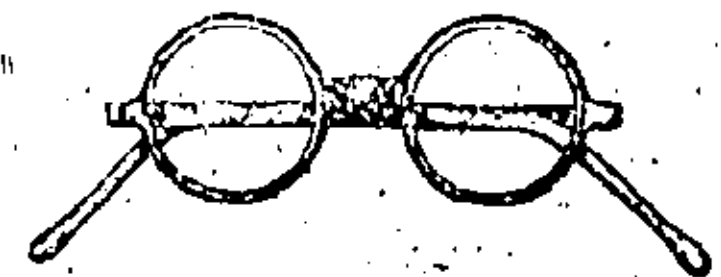
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LAUGHTER.

The time does not seem very far distant when there were those who would have us not laugh, while part of our war campaign was to keep "the lads" smiling. The gift of humour does not appear to have been equally distributed—or to be more accurate, it is shown in various ways and is perhaps temperamental. Your bon viveur can only appreciate humour finely pointed with a note of suggestiveness about it. Others will best appreciate the Douglas Jerrold variety, or the flash of W. S. Gilbert. The ever present gracious gentleness of Max Beerbohm suits a finer palate; Stephen Leacock gains a laugh by effects that seem easy yet are difficult to emulate. These are but a few names out of a great number that could be given, to whom the world owes much. In other professional directions the stage performer probably reaches a greater number than his writing, conferrers, and influences, by what may be termed the personal touch those who seek in their entertainment nothing that is really serious, heavy, propagandist, or that can be likened to preaching.

but for a moment which is likely to extend to a greater length of time, to be so amused that they express "joy by an explosive inarticulate sound of the voice and peculiar facial distortion"—which to say the least is a rather ugly and cumbersome definition of a laugh. Strange to say there are authorities who seem pretty severe on laughter and those who laugh. Congreve suggests that it is unbecoming to laugh—unbecoming that is in "a man of quality." Chesterfield giving advice to his son tells him that audible laughter is ill bred. Goldsmith has a reference to "the loud laugh that spoke the vacant mind." These need not trouble us very much—unless our "audible" laughter is at another's misfortune—and alas! it very often is. Fortunate is he who is born with a saving sense of humour. He may be poor in this world's material riches, but there remains for him the pearly gates that open out to a vista that is ever pleasant and to which it is his blessed privilege to draw others.

40 Years Lease Scheme.

It would not be wise to attempt a general criticism of the Government's 40 years lease scheme (we prefer to call it Mr. Fletcher's scheme). The thing bristles with questions. There is talk of land being sold "at an agreed value." Who agrees? Will the land and

buildings be worth double at the end of 40 years? If so, Insurance Companies may rightly claim that it is an interference with their business, and that a 40 years lease offers better terms than a 20-year endowment Policy! What happens if a man spends extra money on a house in the way of extras—adornments not absolutely necessary? Is that to be regarded as adding to the value? Will values increase? We have evidence that the Finance Committee of the University about a year ago thought there might soon come an end to the land boom. False prophets? A thought arises—one of many! On what basis is the Crown Rent of land fixed? Is it on the value of the land as the P.W.D. looks at it or what the P.W.D. thinks it will fetch when greedy Syndicates have finished biting? There is no end or depth to the morass of questions in which the ordinary man flounders. If it means increased accommodation "particularly for the Chinese tenant" and take him away from the slum-like condensation of the centre of Victoria; if it means that the housing shortage will become a thing of the past and that there will be no occasion for a Rents Ordinance, it will more than have justified itself and cause the name of Mr. Fletcher to become additionally honoured and respected. We had a somewhat similar scheme in mind when the cry—a collection of Hongkong cries would make interesting if sad reading—was against the then big prices paid for houses by far-seeing Japanese. It was this: Sell all the land that is asked for at the prices they would obtain at auction, but insert a clause in the land deed that if such land was resold at any time and any number of times at a profit the Government was to share to the extent of fifty per cent. on the profits made. Had that been done and the sales and re-sales of land and property gone on as it has, the Government would have had money to advance as mortgages to bona fide buyers of their own particular homesteads.

neither the Director of Education nor the Captain Superintendent of Police had the "Hon." prefix as neither of them sat in the Council. The number of official members was just the same as it is now, the officer who sat to make up the quota being Commander (afterwards Captain) Basil R. H. Taylour, R.N., who held the post of Harbour Master. Mr. Wolfe sat for a time as did Mr. C. McI. Messer and his predecessor in the capacity of head of the police force. Then a few years back, Mr. Irving was substituted for Mr. Wolfe and now Mr. Wolfe relieves Mr. Irving. It would be very interesting to know the system followed, i.e., if by seniority or according to post, or is it just at the fancy of our rulers?

The awarding of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry—Professor Pregl of Graz is the recipient—calls attention once again to Nobel's purpose, as executed by the Swedish Academy at Stockholm, to recognize the man who does original work of an ideal nature. This Dr. Pregl has done. By his invention of what is described as "an elegant apparatus," and one that is quite simple, he is able to carry on his work in micro-analysis with a rapidity, lack of waste and ease that were altogether unknown and unanticipated to and by his predecessors in the field. Liebig, Bunsen, and their colleagues. Distinguished chemists, however, are already saying that the Prize for Chemistry might have been withheld this year (as in the Peace Prize) on the ground that no work of huge importance had been done by any man within the last 12 months.

Societies who are put RAISING, to it to raise money FUNDS, might well adopt the method used by a Church Bazaar Committee who offered a \$25 prize for a Limerick. Here is the winning effort.

There was a young man of P.D., Who bathed every day in the sea. When they said "Crocodile!" He replied with a smile, "Your Gammarian can't frighten me."

Labour And The Empire.

The celebration of Australia Day in London established a red letter day in the calendar of the Empire. Such a gathering as assembled at the Hotel Cecil on the occasion and the speeches there delivered must become historical. Doubtfully could the world be furnished with a more convincing object lesson of the essential unity of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Among those present were the present and past Secretaries of State for the Colonies. That was strictly in accordance with the fitness of things. The Duke of Devonshire, while presiding at the Colonial office, served the Dominions and Colonies, well. Mr. Thomas, the present Minister, is new to his job, and naturally curiosity was excited as to his attitude towards the Imperial charges which have become his Ministerial concern. Here was an occasion when he might be expected to reveal himself, as he did. Need it be said that the new Secretary of State more than realised the expectations even of those who know him best? There is plainly nothing of the little Englishman about Mr. Thomas. So much we had known before. "He was now prouder of the Empire than ever. A sort of bloodless revolution had occurred without disturbance." He was alluding, of course, to the Labour Government's accession to power. "Many," he went on to say, "had been apprehensive, but the least apprehensive was his Majesty the King and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. There had been a great change of Government but it merely meant that the old country and the old Empire would still go on. The British Constitution must be preserved, and the Empire must be maintained." Such an assurance from such a source will bring relief to those Messrs. Doubting Hearts wherever they may be, whether in the crowded marts of the motherland or scattered over the broad spaces of the Imperial domain overseas. Other countries may well envy us our elastic institutions whereunder changes, however radical, may be effected without violence, and that that spirit of compromise, which is so characteristic of the British race, sees to it that all changes chime more or less harmoniously with never changing law.

Mr. Irving's going WHICH? Home has meant not only the appointment of a successor to his position as Director of Education but also a change in the personnel of the official members of the Legislative Council. We recall the time when

All the S.P.C.A. has to do—we will suppose next year that it needs funds, is to circulate the Colony advertising such a contest. Contestants must send \$1 with each effort. Thus, so we imagine, about \$2,000 net profit would be made at a trifling cost of time and labour and the poetic muse be stimulated to an extraordinary degree. The only people to suffer would be the judges, and as no-one has any sympathy for judges it does not matter.

The S.P.C.A. I believe Want cash as you will perceive To carry on labours That very much savours Of suffering and pain to relieve. This may or may not show how easy and amusing such a pastime may become.

WEMBLEY Two British possessions—both curiously commencing with a G are not participating in the British Empire Exhibition. These are Gibraltar and Gambier. They are not even sending a model!

AWARDS. Benjamin Franklin spent much time in England from 1757 to 1762 representing the American colonies. While there he placed £100 in the hands of members of the Society of Friends as a trust to be invested with accumulations, for not less than one hundred and fifty years. Thereafter at the discretion of the trustees, awards were to be made from time to time for the most valuable contributions to science considered by them either manuscript or published; on the subject of cures, but particularly in relation to surgery, the nervous system, and part "mind treating" have in the recovery and preservation of health. Announcement is now made of the first awards from this fund. Minor award, Fusakichi Omori of Tokio, unpublished treatise, "The Rotary Knife in Surgery," \$500 and publication of treatise Award, Charles P. Steindmetz of Schenectady, privately published treatise, "The Nervous System as a Conductor of Electrical Energy," \$1,000 and republication of treatise Major award, Pierson W. Banning of Los Angeles, on published work, "Mental and Spiritual Healing: All Schools and Methods," A Text Book for Physicians, and Metaphysicians," \$2,500 scholarship.

To-day's Poem.

The bitterest tears are those that never flow But are held smothering in the aching eyes. The truest prayers can find no words at all But flutter wearily to God in sighs.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 1.

1711. This rainy weather undoes me in coaches and chairs. I was traipsing to-day with your Mr. Sterne.—Swift.

HOLD.

"Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Never excuse yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master to yourself—and be lenient to everybody else."—Beecher.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 1.—Coronet Theatre: Herbert Rawlinson in "The Victor."
March 1.—Star Theatre: "Sentimental Tommy."
March 1.—World Theatre: Jane Novak in "Divorce."
March 1.—Theatre Royal: 2nd Edition of the "Nine O'clock Revue," 9.15 p.m.
March 1.—Theatre Royal: 4.30 p.m., special matinee "The Beggars' Opera."
March 13.—Theatre Royal: Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.
March 4.—Repulse Bay Hotel Dinner Dance.
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

March 1.—H.V.D.C. Tyro and Corp's Championship Competitions, 2 p.m.
March 1 and 8.—H.V.D.C. Open and Corp's Revolver Competitions, 2 p.m.
March 2.—H.V.D.C. Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Challenge Cup, Musket, Jar, Tile and Attack Competitions, 9 a.m.
March 2 and 8.—Open and Corp's Revolver Competitions, all day.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

March 4.—Lammert Bros., at No. 4 Broadwood Road, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co. at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

SERVICE.

March 2.—Confirmation service in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Jurors' Lists for 1924 are published in the current issue of the Government Gazette.

Four cases of small-pox and one of enteric fever, all Chinese, were notified yesterday.

A meeting of the Education Board will be held in the Sanitary Board Room on March 5, at 3 o'clock.

A lot of about 874,400 square feet of Crown land at Tiding 1 is to be auctioned at the P. W. D. offices on March 17. The upset price is \$8,664 and the annual rental \$2,008.

New architectural offices are to be built for the P.W.D. and in the current issue of the Government Gazette tenders are called for the erecting of a three storey block of offices built in brick with tiled roof on existing foundations.

The Government Gazette notifies that the name of the Pacific Banking and Exchange Co., Ltd., has been struck off the Register and that the same falls to overtake the Nam Mei Land and Investment Company, Ltd., in three months' time unless cause is shown to the contrary in the meantime.

There will be a Lecture at the Helena May Institute on Monday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m. given by S. J. Schofield, Esq., Ph.D., F.R.S.C. Subject: "The Causes of Earthquakes." The public are cordially invited.—Advt.

The s.s. "Sun Tak," a Chinese-owned steamer, some 250 feet in length and with a registered tonnage of 1,680 tons, which went ashore during the typhoon in last August off Green Island, was offered for sale yesterday afternoon at Messrs. Lammert's auction room. The steamer was not sold, the highest offer being \$20,000, which was far short of the reserve price.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"HONGKONG EDUCATION SHIBBOLETHS."

(To the Editor of The China Mail.)

Sir,—"Spinifex's" letter about the new Director of Education, was a very left handed attack on the late Director and omitted to justify the new appointment in the matter of administrative power. I do not disapprove of a Cadet but I do disapprove of "bolstering up" a weak case by two or more columns of a letter or article, apparently written to please the new Director, in a paper for which I have to pay ten cents. It is not worth it, Sir.

"Spinifex" is the name of a certain grass, I believe; such food may be palatable to Chinese Greeks or to Greek Chinese but not to "China Mail" Readers. For "Spinifex" I would recommend rose leaves!

Yours etc.,

O. B. D.

Hongkong, February 29.

"Spinifex" A Martyr.

Sir,—"Spinifex" is a martyr. In face of protest from all the best educationalists in the Colony, he sacrifices himself on behalf of the Government. Such self-immolation is the more laudable as, of course, he has nothing to gain. The points (perhaps thorns) would be more suitable to your contributor's mode of thought) in Mr. Orme's favour would seem to be:

- 1.—His Father was a schoolmaster. "Like father, like son" does not always apply.
 - 2.—A good general education. Many men have had the like, but they are not so versatile as to be fitted for every vacant technical post.
 - 3.—Mr. Orme had a close friend who was a famous schoolmaster. Friends, more often than not, are opposites.
 - 4.—Mr. Orme has, in his spare time, taught Greek to Chinese students. This is more suggestive of a man with a theory than of an expert, and, too, the Director of Education should not have time to pursue his researches into the "affinity between the Greek and Chinese cultures."
 - 5.—Mr. Orme believes that the secret of British Education is character training. Is not this a large part of the secret of all true education?
 - 6.—As he is a cadet, the Government can remove Mr. Orme if he is not suitable. This is, perhaps, "Spinifex's" sharpest point.
- Surely, Sir, "Spinifex" has made out rather a spineless case, and has only shown up the defenceless nature of the new appointment.
- One is not attacking Mr. Orme personally, but "Spinifex's" apology and the Government's action in making this appointment. It is usually said that one of the glories of British Government is that the voice of the majority rules. This cannot be said to apply to this Colony, but it does not need much of a prophet to discern the cloud, the size of a man's hand, on the horizon.

I am, Sir,

Yours etc.,

SPICULUM.

Hongkong, February 29.

"Spinifex" Replies.

[These letters have been referred, with the writers' anonymity strictly preserved, of course, to our contributor "Spinifex." Dealing with the first, he says emphatically that his letter was not written "to please the new Director" who (he adds) would be the first to deprecate any discussion either of his ability or his claims for the post until he has had time to prove both. Indeed, "Spinifex" feels that Mr. Orme will hardly thank him for what he has said, and the only excuse he advances for offending Mr. Orme's well-known modesty, is the very excellent excuse (in his opinion) that without the facts being given fully local education would suffer materially, since it would become the subject of still further destructive criticism, whereas what is urgently needed—and what the new Director will doubtless certainly welcome—is constructive criticism. Having nailed (as he hopes) "O.B.D.'s" implied libel that Mr. Orme himself inspired "the letter or article," "Spinifex" feels that he can afford to ignore the cheap sneers which comprise the latter part of "O.B.D.'s" outburst. Replying to "Spiculum" our contributor, "Spinifex" merely observes that this correspondent has not grasped the essential points of his letter; and, anyway,

REVELRY BY NIGHT.

FANCY DRESS BALL AND CONCERT.

LUGARD HALL SUCCESS.

Lugardites departed from the traditions of the hostels in giving both a fancy dress ball and concert last Saturday night. The concert, of opinion of these present promoters to be one of the successful events of the season. This year a more ambitious scheme of decoration was embarked upon—the path leading into Lugard Hall premises was beautifully illuminated with red lanterns. The congestion of former years was to some extent relieved for the guests were ushered into a special pandit erected for the occasion. Inside the pandit the predominant note in the colour scheme was red and gold whilst the hall itself was transformed into a fairyland by the coloured lights and around the walls steamers were festooned. Lugardites deserve hearty congratulations for their artistic taste. The life-size portrait of the founder of the hall—Sir Frederick Lugard—was very conspicuous indeed. A special room was reserved for those guests who took delight in Mah Jong, cards and other games. The arrangements for accommodation and comfort of the guests were well thought out. By kind permission of the Warden and Mrs. Roffey, the drawing room was for the time being converted into a commodious supper room. Over 250 guests were present and the hall was crowded to the full. The Orchestra played admirably to the chosen selection bolting the occasion. During the intervals between the dances musical items were given and a short farce was acted. A special stage in the form of the heart was erected for this purpose. Tulip pondants were hung around thus making the stage a fragrant garden spot for the here and hereinafter.

Under the canopy of twinkling lights the whole scene presented a great assembly of the League of Nations. One could see distinctly the star-spangled coat of Uncle Sam. With him was his neighbor the fiery Mexican. Members of the Ku-Klux-Klan were also present. The presence of the Red Indians, cow-boys and negroes made us think of the fighting scenes from the movies. Men from Peru, men from the African wilds were on the scene and even the Sheikh of Araby turned up too. Men from Malaya were very prominent in their various costumes.

India was also represented by the Maharajah of "Somewhere" who in his gorgeous robes was the cynosure of all eyes. Various tribes of India were also on the scene. Dancers from different climes attracted many admirers. A Napoleon and a Baden Powell were also on their guard in case the clowns competed with the fair girls from Nippon and the actors from Peking in the art of Oriental dancing. One could see with joy the veiled Turkish delight and one could not help admiring the gaily clad Spanish dancer. One fascinating glance from the girl from Araby would make any traveller of the burning sands forget his thirst for ever. Amidst the crowd there was also a Czarina who added charms to the sightseers with her precious crown of glittering jewels. The last but not the least the "Mah Jong girls" ought to be heartily congratulated for winning the first prize. At midnight a flash-light photo was taken and the revelry was brought to a close.

where opinions are concerned, every man is entitled to his own views. "Spiculum's" comments under headings one, two, three, five and six take us nowhere, adds "Spinifex." Comment four he describes as almost malicious in its anxiety to discredit the new Director. First of all, he asks, what is an expert but a man with theories? As to the "owlish remark" that "the Director of Education should not have time to pursue his researches into the affinity between the Chinese and the Greek cultures," "Spinifex" points out that it was Mr. Orme, not the Director of Education, who made (and doubtless will further make) the inquiries. "Spinifex" concludes sarcastically that if nobody was to have the time for anything but office demands the world would not only still be largely barbaric, "but 'Spiculum' himself would not have the time to write footling letters to the papers."

A FREE GIFT.

(To the Editor of The China Mail.)

Sir,—I have just read the plaint of a correspondent to a Shanghai paper that that city does not possess either a Museum or a place of Fine Arts. I hope the "China Mail" will use its might and power to urge those who own it to ship our Museum to the northern settlement. They might have difficulty in proving their good intentions, but that is a small matter compared to the boon that would be conferred upon—Hongkong.

Yours etc.,

TUT-TUT.
Hongkong, February 28.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Mr. R. J. Wilton Looks Back.

RETIRING SPORTSMAN'S OPINIONS.

Hongkong Tramway Progress.
LOCAL SPORT AND THE NEED FOR A STADIUM.

Hongkong footballers are about to lose their devoted "father," a loving parent—one who has watched over them for many years, who has nurtured them and shared both their joys and their sorrows, who has encouraged them in failure and rejoiced in their successes. Mr. R. J. Wilton, President of the H.K.F.C., Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association and identified in the Colony as one of its most enthusiastic sportsmen, admitted to a "China Mail" representative yesterday that though he was beginning to feel rather old, he greatly regretted having to leave his footballers on his retirement as Chief Engineer of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd. "Football," said Mr. Wilton, "with a smile" has always been one of my favourite sports.

Mr. Wilton has been for thirteen years connected with the Hongkong tramways. He has been chief engineer of the Company for about eight years, during which period he has seen its development into one of the best services in the Far East. The Chief Engineer began his tramway career in 1895 at Dublin from where he went to Kildermister. His next venture was at Sheffield where, Mr. Wilton modestly confessed, he laid down the first track in a system which has now few rivals in Great Britain. Next, Mr. Wilton served a period with the Salford Tramways. From Salford, he took a bold jump and went to Calcutta for five years, gaining his first and valuable experience of systems in the Far East. Back again in London, Mr. Wilton was offered the post as chief assistant engineer with the Hongkong Tramways, coming in 1911 with a record of experience which fully qualified him for the position which he eventually gained.

Tops on the Trams. Asked what he thought had proved one of the most beneficial improvements in the Colony's tramways, Mr. Wilton had little hesitation in saying the introduction of tops for the cars, an innovation which ranks the service as unique in the Far East. Passengers, received the improvement with open arms and on this score were sincere in their appreciation.

Speaking of tramways generally, Mr. Wilton, who said he had travelled in all parts of the world, had found that Great Britain held the laurel for efficiency, comfort and the highest degree of public utility. London had probably the most expensive system to keep up.

With the project of the introduction of the tramway service in Kowloon in mind and remembering various objections which had been submitted, the "China Mail" representative asked Mr. Wilton if he thought a tramway system marred the beauty of a country. Mr. Wilton replied that it did not and added that Kowloon was an ideal place for the inauguration of a tramway service, though he was not prepared to say whether or not the scheme would materialise.

The Stadium.

Referring to his all-absorbing pet hobby, Mr. Wilton gave an outlined account of the scheme mooted some time ago by the "China Mail" for the establishment of a stadium for Hongkong. Mr. Wilton was one of the sponsors of the project, taking up the idea enthusiastically on the suggestion of the "China Mail."

"Hongkong undoubtedly requires a stadium," said Mr. Wilton, "and though I shall not be here to continue the campaign, I am fully confident that within the next year, Hongkong will at last get its desired object."

Mr. Wilton said that most of the preliminary negotiations had been discussed and completed. The activities of the Stadium Committee of which he is chairman were interrupted owing to the interlopers football match. The Government was agreeable and had suggested the utilisation of Sookumpoo ground on conditions that while the R.G.A., were

FLOWER SHOW.
GOOD ENTRIES DESPITE
BAD WEATHER.

In view of the extraordinarily unfavourable weather conditions of the past few months, the entries for this year's flower show, which takes place on the Volunteer Parade Ground under the auspices of the Hongkong Horticultural Society on March 6, are regarded as being distinctly satisfactory.

"Yes," replied Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, the Society's Hon. secretary, when a "China Mail" reporter questioned him on the

stationed there the soldiers were to continue to use the ground as their playing field.

Mr. Wilton's Ambition. His ambition, continued Mr. Wilton, was to erect a permanent concrete stadium with terraces, dressing rooms, gymnasium, tea rooms, a committee room and all other adjuncts of the modern stadium, to provide fully for all classes of athletes "which," added Mr. Wilton, "had hardly anywhere to train but at Happy Valley." He did not propose the laying down of a cinder track, but allotting on the outer skirts of the fields, a track, which he estimated would be half a mile long.

"There would be space for three football pitches, an enclosed cricket pitch and in summer a baseball pitch, tennis courts, bowling greens and room for many kinds of sports," said Mr. Wilton. He estimated the total cost of the stadium at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 which sum could possibly be borrowed from the Government and the interest amply derived from the proceeds of gate money.

Mr. Wilton laid particular stress on the fact that his proposal was that the stadium would not be a private money-making concern but an asset to the sporting community of Hongkong—a Government institution.

Ready To Start. Definite proposals and decisions from both the Stadium Committee and the Government were all that were necessary now to bring the deal to a close, said Mr. Wilton. He thought that if this could be done, plans drawn up, accepted and all arrangements made within the next two months, the stadium would be ready by the end of this year—for the reception of the Shanghai interlopers footballers, who, Mr. Wilton added convincingly, were sure to get a beating next time.

In the event of the stadium project falling through, Mr. Wilton said he advocated the establishment of an enclosed ground for the Hongkong Football Association of which he was President, an essential which he had always pressed for.

A Veteran Champion. As an active sportsman himself, Mr. Wilton confessed that he had never shone particularly in anything except that he was a fair hand at most. His first official connection with football was as Director of Southport Central. Chelsea was his favourite home team though for a time his favours always went with Sheffield United. He liked swimming and golf. Four years ago, Mr. Wilton said proudly, "I won the Veteran Race" a boast which was certainly well deserved.

Before Mr. Wilton leaves the Colony he will be entertained by several sporting associations, all of whom will miss his genial presence when he is gone.

Hongkong, concluded Mr. Wilton, was the finest place in the Far East to live, "but," he said "Mrs. Wilton and I have a longing for the dear Homeland." They intend to settle down in Hove, which said Mr. Wilton, is not too far away from London.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton leave for London by the P. & O. s.s. "Naldera" on March 22.

subject, "considering the rotten weather we've had this last three months the entries are quite good. Of course everything will depend on the weather we get during the next few days as to how many of the flowers entered are actually exhibited and this refers especially to the Peak. However we hope the public will come along next week and see what there is to see."

This year Mr. R. A. Nicholson has offered two special \$15 prizes for which Chinese gardeners are eligible to compete. One is for the best display of cut flowers and the other for the best display of vegetables. There are four entrants for the first but none for the second.

RACE PONIES SOLD.

AUCTION AT JOCKEY STABLES.

Auctioned by Messrs. Hughes and Hough at the Jockey Club Stables yesterday afternoon, 65 ponies, some of them well-known performers at gymnastics and at the recent rice meeting, changed hands at prices ranging between \$15 and \$370. At the latter figure Mr. H. P. White bought Yellow River, from the John Peel stable, and \$350 was paid by Mr. Rock for Mrs. Bernard's Spengrass. Cottongrass, from the same stable, only fetched \$205; the purchaser being Mr. A. E. Alves. Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin purchased a few likely mounts for the Mounted section of the volunteers but the largest purchasers were two Chinese—Hoo Poo, who is interested in the cinema business, and Leung Ping, of Canton. The ponies sold were as follows:

Georgious Dahlia, to Mr. Rock, \$30.
Roman Bay, to Mr. J. H. Bowen, \$30.
Edipio Dahlia, to Mr. J. H. Bowen, \$35.
Leander Dahlia, to Hoo Poo, \$30.
Hamadite, to Leung Ping, \$30.
Inca, to Mr. Hamilton, \$45.
Blossom Dahlia, to Hoo Poo, \$40.
Hurry Off, to Leung Ping, \$35.
Dollar Bill, to Leung Ping, \$20.
Tangalouca, to Leung Ping, \$15.
Aladdin, to Mr. Hikadi, \$30.
Ali Baba, to Mr. Hikadi, \$60.
Dick Whittington, to Mr. Peel, \$45.
Peter Pan, to Mr. Peel, \$50.
Loch Lomond, to Mr. Bowen, \$30.
Loch Spey, to Leung Ping, \$25.
Loch Nigaur, to Hoo Poo, \$60.
Loch Kairine, to Mr. Barker, \$70.
Skylight, to Mr. Remulion, \$60.
What-to-do, bought in at \$25.
Arabian Star, to Hoo Poo, \$50.
Goodman, to Leung Ping, \$40.
Violet Leaf, to Hoo Poo, \$100.
The Leaf, to Hoo Poo, \$45.
Yellow River, to Mr. H. P. White, \$370.
Shu River, to Mr. Stanton, \$65.
Spengrass, to Mr. Rock, \$350.
Cottongrass, to Mr. A. E. Alves, \$205.
Mau, to Hoo Poo, \$70.
Sharphooter, to Hoo Poo, \$45.
Mountain Eagle, to Mr. Rock, \$35.
Ping Dong, to Leung Ping, \$35.
Dandy Kid, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$50.
Idealist, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$45.
Arizona, to Mr. A. A. Alves, \$300.
Maine, to Mr. Remulion, \$35.
Podia, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$40.
Mountain Hawk, bought in at \$170.
Arabian Star, to Hoo Poo, \$60.
Ping Pong (late Roman Warrior) to Mr. Stanton, \$60.
Silvo, to Hoo Poo, \$40.
Dempey, to Mr. Gutierrez, \$50.
A chestnut polo pony, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$45.
Kangaroo II, to Hoo Poo, \$45.
Wallaby II, to Leung Ping, \$45.
Mosaic Tile, to Hoo Poo, \$55.
Pamir Star, bought in at \$120.
Fox Bar, to Hoo Poo, \$60.
Chuhlo, to Leung Ping, \$40.
Unusual, to Hoo Poo, \$50.
Draping, to Leung Ping, \$35.
Old Oakley, to Hoo Poo, \$70.
Quartz, to Leung Ping, \$15.

LEAP YEAR BALL.

A MERRY TIME AT THE CITY HALL.

The Leap Year Ball at the City Hall last night was a distinct success for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and as a result their funds will benefit considerably. The six hundred guests including H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, General Sir John and Lady Fowler, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and until an early hour this morning made merry dancing to the strains of the Hongkong Hotel orchestra. A popular feature of the dance programme was the traditional "Leap Year Dance" in which the conventional procedure of the gentleman imploring the lady to dance with him was reversed. There were few of the guests without a fancy dress, an essential feature of the affair, and while there were many startling and original costumes there seemed to be a preponderance of the inevitable pierrot and pierrette.

The committee and organisers, whose names were given in yesterday's "China Mail," are to be congratulated and we feel certain that a repetition would again bring success.

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JUST WALKED OUT.

WOMAN'S ESCAPE FROM COURT.

MURDER TRIAL HITCH.

As briefly reported in our "Stop Press" column yesterday, a Chinese woman, held on a charge of murdering her husband, escaped from the dock in Mr. J. R. Wood's court at the Magistracy, about 2 o'clock, and up to a late hour yesterday, had not been recaptured.

Arrested some weeks ago, she gave her name as Cheung Kiu, aged 24, native of Lan Tau village, Cheung Chau. It was stated at the time of her husband's death that she had given him poisonous herbs, a few leaves of which were alleged to have been found in her possession at the time of arrest.

After several remands for inquiries, she appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood on Thursday, hearing being adjourned till yesterday afternoon.

About 1.45 p.m. she was escorted from Victoria Gaol into the cells below the courts and thence to the dock where she was to stand her trial, a Chinese detective being in charge of her. From the dock there is a subterranean passage leading either back to the Goal precincts or into the court-yard outside the Central charge-room. Egress is barred by a locked gate with a constable on duty at all hours.

As the Assistant Crown Solicitor and the witnesses assembled prior to Mr. Wood taking his seat, the Chinese detective is said to have gone outside the court to pick up some books and ammunition he had left there. Sub-Inspector Dorrington, who was in charge of the case had gone to get certain exhibits. Seizing this momentary advantage, the woman went down the steps from the dock, escaping detection by crouching low behind the wooden barrier of the dock which stands a few feet high.

A grill, usually locked, stands before the entrance to the small court, but this was open at the time and it is surmised that the woman must have gone through the passage, up into the dock in the small court, and then walked out of the court into the Magistracy courtyard and so out into the streets.

She could not have gone more than a matter of minutes when the detective looked to see if she was still squatting in the dock. "On being told that she had gone down the steps," he at once went after her. Practically all the available men in the detective office and the charge-room turned out to search for her but she was not found. There was nothing to be done but to adjourn the sitting and the court dispersed.

Inquiries were immediately set afoot and a special look-out was posted on all parts of the Praya with a view to watching the departure of the launches and sampans. It is felt that in the short space of time she could not have gone far.

A fact which helped the woman was that the small court was empty at the time as the other Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) was not to sit till 2.30. She was wearing dark grey clothes at the time of her escape and no shoes. With her slender means of sustenance and her ignorance of the town, it is not thought that recapture is unlikely and her description has been circulated.

SPECTACLES.

Peking, February 29.—A Chungking telegram says that Chinese newspapers report that Tang Chi Yu, Tang Chi Yao's brother, who ruled Kweichow, has been assassinated. Szechuan newspapers hint that the assassination was the work of Liu Shen Chi's agent, but go on to explain that Tang wanted to send reinforcements to assist Hsiung Keh leaders. Thereupon, Tang Chi Yu shot and killed a Kweichow officer, and was subsequently murdered. Corroboration of the report is unobtainable at Peking.—Reuter.

CAMERA NOTES.

USEFUL HINTS BY AN EXPERT.

WELCOME NEW DEVICE.

Many amateur photographers who admit the value of a Reflex over other types of cameras and say that they would very much like one, give their failing eyesight as reason for not using a Reflex. It is very unfortunate that they should be denied using what is actually the best type of camera manufactured, but of course it is necessary that the user's eyes either with or without the aid of glasses are such as to enable him to see, by looking down the hood on to the focussing glass whether the image is sharp in focus, or not.

I have just recently come across a little accessory which may prove to be of very great assistance in overcoming this difficulty, and to those with good eyesight it may make focussing considerably easier, especially where the camera is being used in a very bad light for photographing interiors, or under bad light conditions.

I refer to the "Soho Stereoscopic Focussing Magnifiers," which are made to fit just inside the top of the Reflex focussing hood. The attachment consists of two paired magnifying lenses in a neat mount with folding side wings and folded ends which clip on the side of the hood to hold it in position. It permits of focussing being effected with great ease, and to those amateurs keen on architectural photography where the exact rendering of fine detail is required with microscopic sharpness, I should think it would be invaluable.

The present Hongkong weather and bad photographic light would seem to make this little accessory of great use, as well as the need for fast plates and films. Regarding the latter amateurs will be very interested to see that the new Paget Films I spoke of actually on sale in Hongkong. As I mentioned before I have personally used them and found that what the makers claimed, regarding their speed was undoubtedly correct, and it is to be very greatly regretted that the present stocks did not arrive a week ago when they could have been tried at Happy Valley where speed was really required to get good results, first, because of the ponies and secondly because of the unkind weather conditions.

—Y. Z.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

SOME REMARKABLE GRAMAPHONES.

REVENUE OFFICERS' FIND.

Revenue Officers have effected a large seizure of illicit opium which was hidden in the machinery of some gramaphones.

Details were not available this morning when inquiries were made. Beyond admitting that the drug was seized on the Kowloon Wharf yesterday, the Imports Department was not in a position to make a definite statement.

It is surmised from inquiries in other quarters that the gramaphones were packed in cases which when opened revealed the opium. It is not known if the cases were about to be landed into the Colony or to be transhipped elsewhere.

Another successful whist drive was held at the Kowloon Seamen's Institute on Friday evening, in spite of the threatening weather and other attractions. The prize-winners were—Ladies' 1st, Mrs. Teale, 173; 2nd, Mrs. Whelan, 173; 3rd, Miss Hill, 172; Booby, Mrs. Smith, 142. Gentlemen's 1st, Mr. Castledine, 180; 2nd, Mr. Ludlow, 180; 3rd, Mr. Whelan, 174; Hidden Number, Mr. Ireland, 149; Booby, Mr. Rowe, 128. The next whist drive will be held on March 14.

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HONGKONG BANK. INCREASING THE NOTE ISSUE.

The draft of a bill which is to be introduced into the Legislative Council on March 6 in order to increase the limit of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's ordinary note issue from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 is published in the Government Gazette.

The objects and reasons are given as follows:—

1. "The object of this bill is to increase the limit of the ordinary note issue from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

2. Under the existing law two thirds of the ordinary note issue must be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities under the control of custodians independent of the company. Under the new Ordinance the ordinary note issue will be increased to \$30,000,000 and \$23,333,333 of this amount will be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities. In other words, the whole of the increase now proposed, and not merely 2/3rds thereof, will be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

3. Under the existing law the excess note issue must be fully covered by coin or bullion under the control of custodians independent of the company and this will be so under the new Ordinance also. In future, however, the excess note issue will mean an issue in excess of \$30,000,000, instead of \$20,000,000, as at present.

4. Clause 2 (d) provides that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin, as distinct from bullion and approved securities, to be deposited by the company shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

5. Clause 3 is the usual saving clause.

"CONSULT THE PILLOW."

PROBLEMS SOLVED WHILE
ONE SLEEPS.

It has been suggested that it would be better for the world if we all did a little more day-dreaming.

Commenting on the opinion of a celebrated American chemist, that a substance will be found to take the place of sleep, a physician writes to the *Daily Mail* that the framing of such a hypothesis reveals how wrong is the attitude of mankind in regard to the great boon of sleep.

A large portion of mankind regard the hours spent in sleeping as either lost hours or as a kind of going into dock for repairs. They consider that the brain is lying "dead" during those hours in which it is producing no conscious work.

This idea is entirely erroneous, for the one point in psychology which is being more and more emphasised as research proceeds is that the mind never sleeps completely. Behind the dulled forehead is a sphere of quiet activity. It is in this latter that the arranging, the storing, the co-ordination of knowledge gathered during the waking hours takes place.

The brain cannot do everything at once, and we may hazard a guess that many of the bright ideas which come first thing in the morning have been really fashioned during the night, and bubble up to the surface immediately the fore-mind awakes.

Putting aside all question of fatigue, repair, and need for oblivion, we actually gain by sleep. "Take counsel with your pillow," Sleep on it," have evolved from the experience of mankind, and the morning's attitude towards yesterday's problem is not altogether dependent upon the feeling of it with a fresh mind. It is the cunning to meet it with a prepared mind.

It is in dreams, automatic writing, and the mind's pictures during day-dreams that the real man or woman is often to be found.

This new study is of particular importance to persons engaged on creative work. Little good seems likely to come from endeavouring to hammer our knowledge into something new. The right course to adopt is to leave our minds to simmer, and allow the mind to work the thing out quietly for itself.

If instead of his hustling and bustling the world would take to day-dreaming we should not only be happier, but we should also have more of that most precious commodity—original thought.

"Boys will be boys," but unfortunately, their pranks sometimes result in accidents, as happened yesterday. A number of Chinese urchins were popping up and down on the footboards of the Kai Tak Co's motor-bus, on the Chai Hong Road, near Kowloon City, when the conductor went to "check" them off. They jumped down almost simultaneously, and one of them, apparently fell on his head. When taken to hospital it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HONGKONG TRADE.

The fortnightly trade report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce states:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Piece Goods.—After the complimentary sales mentioned in our last report, our market has ruled quiet with values well maintained. Small sales for immediate needs are recorded, with no change in prices.

Fancy Goods.—We have to report a dull market; there has been certain amount of enquiry, though little business has gone through on account of high Manchester parties.

Small sales have been made in Broadways and Wares. During the interval our market has ruled very quiet and no business has been put through. This is due to the heavy decline in American Cotton. Dealers are parting with their holdings at 1/8 per bale below the purchase prices last reported. Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$225/240. No. 12s. \$225/242. No. 16s. \$240/255. No. 20s. \$225/250. Arrivals 1,300 bales. Shipments nil. Sales nil. Unsold 8,650 bales. Bargains \$45/60.

Woolens.—The market is quiet. Raw Cottons.—There are no sales to report, and quotations are purely nominal. Indian descriptions at \$43/58. Chinese staple \$45/60.

Metals.—Market quiet. Very little doing. Flour market report.—Stock: about 1,200,000. Market: quiet. Quotations: American Patent \$2.60 per sack; American Straight \$2.78 per sack; American Cut off \$2.87 per sack. Australian No. 1 \$2.87 per sack.

Window Glass.—Few small sales. Market steady.

Sugar.—Market steady. Saltpetre.—Brisk demands forthcoming for 5% refraction cargo.

REPARATIONS QUESTION.

PARIS, February 28.

Commenting on Herr Stresemann's speech in the Reichstag yesterday, in which he declared that Germany was prepared to discuss the reparations question, although he did not want to disturb the present negotiations of the Committee of Experts, but it was the duty of the German Government to undertake anything designed to render an attempt at settlement successful, the *Petit Parisien* characterises the speech as a perfidious and astute invitation to the experts to espouse Germany's cause. If the speech is to be taken as a new orientation of German policy, the Reich must prove it by acts.

The *Echo de Paris* disclaims Herr Stresemann's interpretation of France's waiting attitude, and says that France is ready to agree to big sacrifices for a general settlement, but is in no wise prepared to break the instrument she has armed herself with unless assured it will not be necessary to use it in the future.—*Reuter*.

According to a *Reuter* cable from Saigon, the British steamer "Gorjian," bound from Rangoon to China, reached that port with a valve burst. Repairs will probably occupy a fortnight.

Berlin, February 29.—Herr Ebert's decree restoring personal liberty will not be fully applied to Bavaria, which will retain its special decrees against the forcible alteration of the constitution.—*Reuter*.

Manila, February 29.—An earthquake, intensity 4, and at Baguio intensity 5, was registered at 10 p.m. last night. Ashes and dust, supposedly from a volcano in the Loochoo Islands fell on Batanes Islands yesterday (February 28).—*Reuter*.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1924.

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COLOFN Y CYMRO.

"In Vancouver there is a particularly flourishing St. David's Society, which holds monthly socials and helps materially in the encouragement of music in the city. Its president is Commander T. C. Phillips, and its secretary Mr. G. O. Griffith with either of whom Welshmen going out to the Far West should endeavour to get into touch.

There is also a vigorous organisation in Toronto, where Welshmen have for the last 15 years promoted an annual eisteddfod which is now one of the cultural events there. The eisteddfod organisation gives prizes varying from £2 to £30, and competitors come from all over the district. Its general secretary is Mr. R. D. Williams, who is always happy to be put in touch with new Welshmen arriving in the city."

"There was a time when the National Union of Welsh Societies was under suspicion of advocating the policy of 'Wales for the Welsh.' That is not so to-day. In a circular issued by Arthen, the general secretary, one of the points emphasised is 'Goreu byd i Gymru a goreu Cymru'r byd.' (The best of the world for Wales and the best of Wales for the world), an unexceptionable motto, and one well worth aiming at. There are some very valuable suggestions in this circular, and it would be well if the various societies take a note of them. Among these are: More attention at election times to Wales and matters peculiarly Welsh, and the addressing of meetings in Welsh by Parliamentary candidates; to secure the rightful place for the Welsh language and our ideals as a nation in every court of law and on all committees and councils."

"It is curious how the Celtic tongues which still survive resemble and also how they differ from each other. T. P. O'Connor says that though the Welsh, the Scotch, and the Irish do not understand each other, the Welsh and the Bretons do. As a proof of this, T.P. asserts that Sir J. Herbert Jones once told him that he (Sir Herbert) was able to make a speech in a Breton town during one of his vacations and was perfectly understood."

According to some historical notes compiled by the Earl of Anslow his family appears to be of Welsh origin as many of the Shropshire landowners were. Onslow is situated only six miles from the Welsh border, and the inhabitants of the county, especially of the Western portion, are largely of Welsh extraction. In the 17th and 18th centuries the Onslows, though then settled in Surrey, were looked upon as Welshmen, for North describes Sir Richard, the first Speaker of the House of Commons, as a very revered and learned Judge, a gentleman and impartial, but being of Welsh extraction, apt to be warm."

S. W. W. News.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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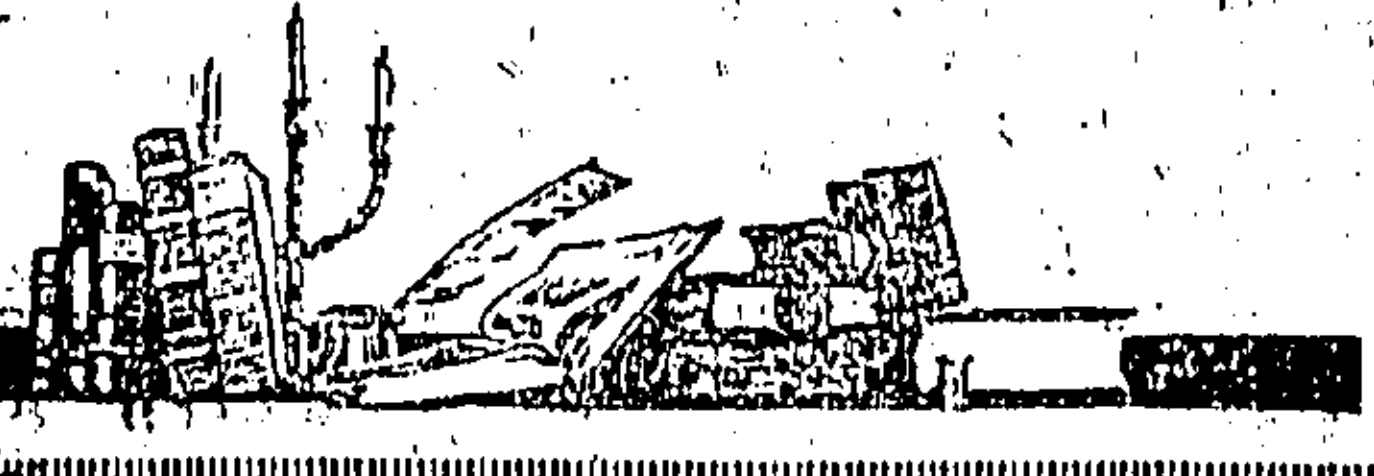
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BOOKS

WILLIAM BLAKE AND MANKIND.

If science is the economy of thought, then poetry worthy of the name is an exact science. In the poetry of William Blake, as with other and better known poets, there is much that may have been left out with advantage. But, as we cannot have good without evil, light without darkness, sweets without sour, hills without valleys, even the level of Blake becomes the height of lesser singers and summers in the quest of the absolute. His poetry, is but the scaffolding of thought, his lyrical utterances but the dropping of pearls, his thoughts are revelations on the book of life, and any student will be repaid, not in the gold of merchants, by a serious examination of the philosophy of this many-sided artist.

Like all creators of values, he did not gain immediate acceptance. If we view mankind as one man, it would seem that the appearance of a genius in any age, is that age trying to express itself completely and with finality. Again, if we regard mankind as clay, the genius is one who will try to make the clay in his own image. Political systems, ethical systems, religious systems are simply the expression of a handful of men—sometimes of one man, and the converse of "God making man in his own image" may approximate more nearly to the truth. The wisdom or otherwise of the masses gaining this information may be of pragmatic interest to a few who stutter and mumble in mitres and rustling silk; but truth can never be told so as to be understood and not be

believed, and truth can never remain at the bottom of the well. The gross over quantity, deceit, and crime of one generation is ripped out by the next; witness the period of Queen Mary of Scots, Queen Elizabeth, and James II. To any reader of the history of this period, sovereignty receives its eternal quietude, and sympathy goes out to the incredible and crazy idea of one being responsible for the universe.

Truth tells us that there is no finitude in the growth of a country like England the period above may be translated as that time when the nation was emerging from its criminal or savage state, when men murdered each other over a bit of bread. When we come to the age of Blake—mankind, our one man, is just realizing that it can balance on two legs. The whippings from Voltaire, the discoveries of Newton, the illumination from Locke, cure mankind of the rumblings in his stomach, and we find that Blake makes a titanic effort to impose his standard of value on that which has survived the dark ages of superstition, and the sojourn in ferocity and crime. Adoption in that age of the fork and pocket handkerchief may have had more to do with sweet sanity than the fulminations of Sir Thomas Browne, and the invention of the candle may have given more light for our one man, mankind, than the bonfires at Smithfield.

In 1787 our physical man has tired of reaching out for physical things; curious thoughts flash across his brain; and we reach the springtime of introspection, heralded by the birth of William Blake. Comparisons arise at once when we examine the assertion made by Mr. W. B. Yeates

A WALK WITH THACKERAY.

Mr. Edward Wakefield describes in the "Nineteenth Century" a walk which he took with Thackeray in the novelist's latter years. "Soon after starting on our walk towards town Thackeray asked me what I was reading, and whether I had any settled habits as to books. I said I generally kept two books going at once, one light and easy, a novel or something of that sort, and the other more serious. I told him I was then absorbed by Harrison Ainsworth's 'Jack Sheppard,' with its wonderful illustrations by Cruikshank. Thackeray said, 'That's a fine sort of book for you to read! Why, Ainsworth ought to be hanged for writing it, and Cruikshank ought to be shot for illustrating it. It is nothing but a glorification of crime and villainy, and I believe it has made more criminals than any other book of our time. It is all the worse for being so well written, and for the extraordinary power of the pictures. I call that the lowest degradation of genius and art. Those fellows ought both to be ashamed of themselves.' I consented that the state of society in the book was so different from our own, and the scenes and time were so remote, that it could not do much harm; and I reminded Thackeray that in the end the hero and all the other bad people were duly strung up at Tyburn, whilst all the good people were happily married, or otherwise rewarded. Thackeray laughed, and agreed that it was so."

that "the profound sanity of his inspiration is proved by his never having, no matter how great the contrast between himself and the blind men and women about him, pronounced himself to be chosen and set apart alone among men." The poet himself only allows his disappointment to be mildly expressed in a couplet—

I found them blind; I taught them how to see;
And now they know neither themselves nor me.

The birth of William Blake was an event; his fiery, yet humane philosophy is as significant and enduring as the plough in the sky.

—William Repton.

THE PELICAN CHORUS.

Edward Lear's most masterly work does not lie in the classical nonsense verse, nor yet in those delightfully futile sketches by means of which he illustrated his books of nonsense. Rather is it to be found in that series of ballads which, for whimsical fancy and deliberate abandonment of all reasonableness, stands matchless and supreme, the very negation of the rationale of things.

The finest of these ballads is certainly "The Pelican Chorus," although its excellence does not lie so entirely in the domain of nonsense as in the setting of the quality of nonsense in picturesque surroundings. The chorus itself, whimsical though it is, translates what ought to be Pelicanese into a kind of pidgin-English, which one can easily imagine to be the nearest approximation in human language of the thoughts and emotions of the pelican. There is, in fact, as the reader will readily comprehend, a strong resemblance between the personal appearance of the pelican and the quaint words of the chorus, and if it is the expression of the unspoken self, then the natural historical truth of the chorus is obvious:

Pluffskin, Pluffskin, Pelican jee!
We think no birds so happy as we!
Plumpskin, Plumpskin, Pelican jill!
We think so then, and we thought, so still!

Yes, when Lear tells me of the assembling of these impossible birds on their "long bare islands of yellow sand," I am convinced that, whether they sing this pleasant verse or not, it is quite obvious that they ought to do so; and it is an oversight on the part of nature if they do not. But I am somewhat at a disadvantage in the matter. I cannot speak with authority, because my experience of pelicans is confined to those at the Zoo. They certainly did not quote Lear. But what would you expect of creatures that live in a paddock? And now I come to think of it, I noticed that each of those curious guests of the Royal Zoological Society did wear the absorbed expression peculiar to people who want to catch some thought which has just slipped the memory. . . . The Pelicans at the Zoo are end birds, and now I know why—they

EXTRACTS.

Dangers of Marriage.

"Married life is very difficult for an author. He has to be faithful to one woman and encouraging to perhaps a score of others. About the only exciting thing in a novelist's life is finding types—especially if he's married. Then type-finding rises to the fascination of big-game hunting. They live dangerously—the married authors. A man can't always be putting his wife into his books. If he does she begins to resent it. I know a case where the wife retaliated and wrote novels about her husband. The revelations were positively hair-raising."—"Faithful Philanderers," by Basil Macdonald. Hastings. (John Long.) 7s. 6d. net.

"A minor poet complained to Oscar Wilde that he failed to get recognition because there was a conspiracy of silence against him. 'You should join it at once,' said Oscar.—"Myself Not Least," by "X."

Robinson Trouseaux.

"Marriage isn't a lottery—it's a great White Sale."

"And I know who is sold. I can still remember the tremendous business it was buying the fine-linen portion of Christine's trousseau. Every female of her acquaintance seemed to be making or buying her something that would be both useful and, if you only knew, ornamental. But after a few years there is—if I am to believe her statement—nothing left. Nothing but a few bits of ribbon and a dozen hooks and eyes. The next step is obvious. Christine goes forth to the great White Sale at Robinson's and comes home with a great white parcel and a great white bill. And I—great white man that I am—whip out a fountain pen and sign an enormous cheque."—"One at a Time," by R. S. Hooper. (John Lane.) 6s. net.

are trying to recollect "The Pelican Chorus," which dangles in their memories just beyond grasping-point.

—Holbrook Jackson, in "Southward Ho! and Other Essays."

SHAW AND SQUEERS.

How dreadful to be singled out as a wretched schoolmaster! But it was not Squeers' fault, nor was he in actuality the tyrant whom Dickens has depicted. In his reminiscences, C. W. Cope, R.A., relates a conversation he once had with a Yorkshire coach driver whose duties took him up and down the Great North Road. He described how the coach at vacation time was filled with hearty, healthy, jolly looking boys who peppered the passers-by with pen-shooters. "These were the pupils of 'Squeers' school, and the original 'Squeers' sometimes accompanied them."

William Shaw kept a boarding-school at Bowes, and it was from him that Dickens drew his character. Why he should have been so grossly caricatured it is a little difficult to determine, but if the coach driver's narrative is accepted it would appear that Shaw had the first laugh at Dickens.

"I'll tell you, Sir," he said, "why Mr. Shaw's school was singled out by Mr. Dickens. Mr. Dickens had his information from a dismissed usher. Dickens wrote to Shaw and asked to inspect his school. He went with Cruikshank, and they were shown into the parlour. Shaw came in, and said, 'Follow me, gentlemen.' He asked them to go through the hall to a side door, bowed, and shut the door behind them. They were in the road!"

"Well," continued the coach driver in answer to Cope's further question, "if it had been me, seeing Dickens came 'hostilely,' I'd have prepared the boys in their best clothes. I'd have been very perky, and I'd have taken them up and down and into the garden until they were well tired; and then I'd have asked them to stay and have a little refreshment, and I'd ha' giv'n them a couple of boiled fowls, and a cut of nice York ham, and I'd ha' made them comfortable; that's how I'd ha' done. We should never have heard tell of Squeers' school then, no, no," he added.

Perhaps, after all, we may excuse Dickens for his vivid pen-picture. Squeers is Squeers, and Shaw is Shaw, and Shaw we are told was "excellent company."

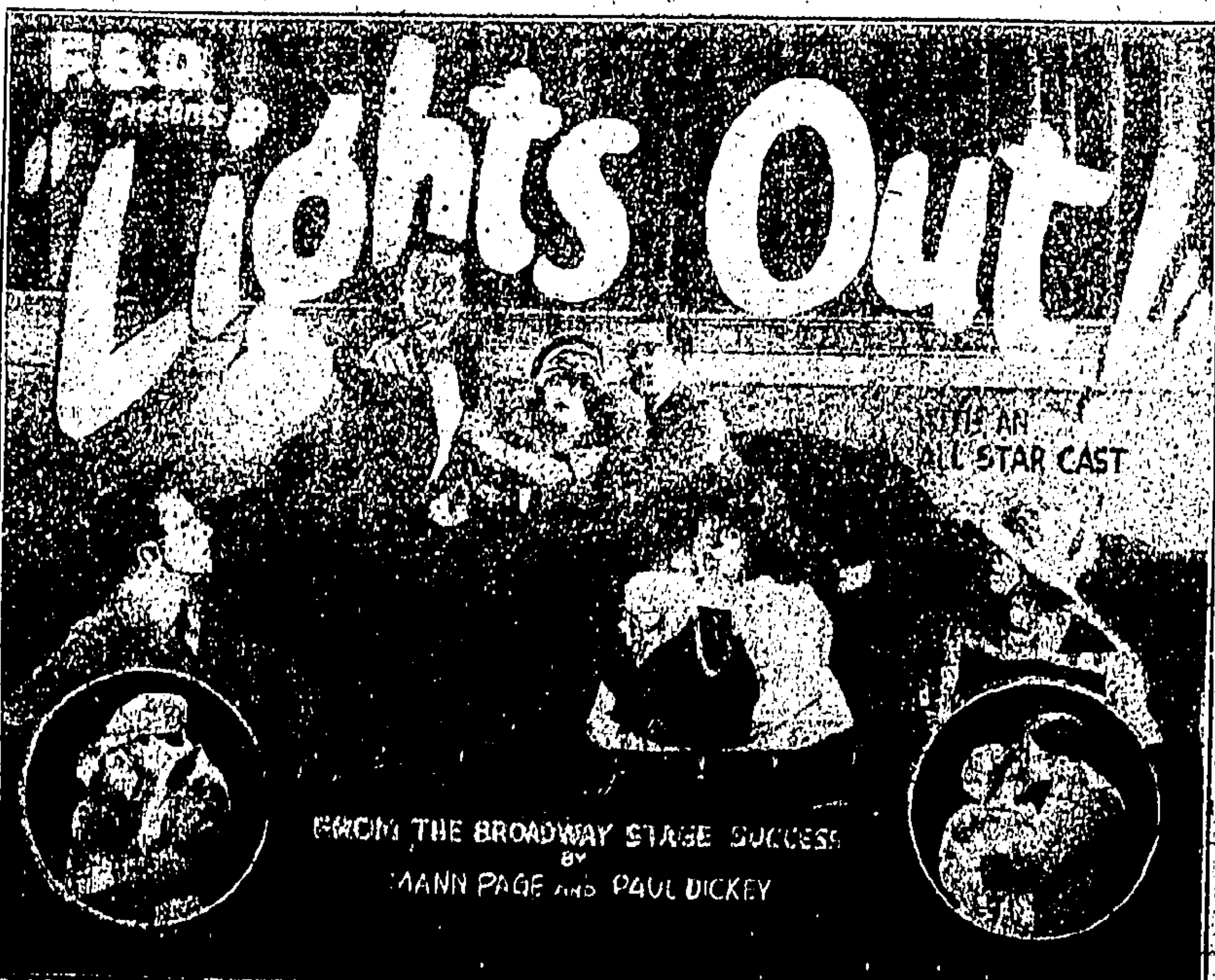
THE GROWTH OF A NOVELIST.

It is easier to become popular than to remain so. No author can take the public by surprise a second time. A novel that has some freshness of fable or style, though it be in some ways crude and in no way great, may do the trick once; but if an author follows this with a succession of books in a too-similar vein. . . . nothing but a sprightly repetition of that same morning freshness, which was well enough when the day was new, his public begins to yawn and go away. A juggler, when he has exhausted his little repertoire and finds the plate coming back to him almost empty, can roll up his scrap of carpet, walk around the corner, and in another street collect a different crowd to whom all his old conjurings are new; but no writer can attract a fresh public for each fresh book he produces—his only way is to keep sure hold on his first readers and add to them, and this he cannot do unless he matures in his books as he does, or should do, in himself. His public is all the while growing older, and the paths of growing older, and the paths of humour and general outlook on life that satisfy a young man or a young woman will rarely make the appeal to them when they arrive at maturity. The humour that tickles you to-day will scarcely move you to a smile when you have lived, enjoyed, worked and suffered for another decade or so in such a world as this; the pathos that once melted you to pleasant tears jars upon you when you re-read it now and seems but shallow, youthful sentimentality; what you had used to think a dashingly romantic incident or character bores you now and seems tinsel unreality. You have been growing up, and if the growth of your favourite novelist does not at least keep pace with your own, you naturally pass on and leave him behind. Had "David Copperfield" been simply another "Oliver Twist," Dickens would have been but the novelist for an age, and that not the middle-age.

—A. St. John Adecock, in "Gods of Modern Grub Street."



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CINEMA'S PROGRESS.

A BIG PRODUCER GIVES THE FACTS.

The advance of the cinema since it was introduced to the public about a quarter of a century ago, has been altogether phenomenal. From being simply a medium of entertainment, it has gradually penetrated into other spheres, and its influence now is not one, but many-sided.

Several aspects of the question are discussed by Carl Laemmle in a thoughtful article in the "Kinematograph Weekly." Laemmle is president of the Universal Co., one of the largest film organisations in America, and he speaks with authority on this subject.

According to Laemmle, the man who is all-important in making the world one big family is the motion picture camera man of the news-reel service. His work is being accomplished with ever-increasing speed and efficiency, and is most essential to the industry. These same news reels will be stored away to become a living library of the past—a first-hand history ungarbled by prejudiced pen.

Dealing with the advance of the cinematography, he states that the motion picture has taken root in every civilised country the world over, and is speedily being brought to the outlying posts of civilisation. The pictures before the eye speak a universal language which is understood by everyone, from the most erudite scholar to the crudest savage.

The screen should, and endeavours to, stand for the qualities of virtue, ambition, honesty, patriotism, and love of home and country. And when we go to the theatre to be entertained, we unconsciously assimilate the justice of these qualities, and, whether we realise it or not, we leave the theatre with spirits quickened and our moral strength renewed.

PARAMOUNT PICTURE.
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The first full length Paramount picture to be done completely in colour has been announced by Jesse L. Lasky, first vice-president in charge of production of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation. It is Zane Grey's story, "Wanderer of the Wasteland," and it will be produced in its original locale, the deserts of Arizona, by Irvin Willat. Jack Holt as the featured player will head a strong cast which Mr. Willat is now assembling at the Lasky studio in Hollywood, and production will start shortly after the reopening of the studio.

"The Wanderer of the Wasteland," said Mr. Lasky, "is Zane Grey's favourite story and is the most popular of all the books which he has given to the American public. Because the scenes are laid in the desert, Mr. Grey stipulated in his contract that the picture should be done in colours, as that was the only way to get the full value of the story's remarkable setting."

"In this picture we shall use the Technicolour process—the same process which has proved such a sensational success in the Biblical part of Cecil B. DeMille's 'The Ten Commandments.' To achieve the results we expect, we are going to considerable expense and trouble, so that the colouring of the picture will be as nearly perfect as possible. A special camera staff organized by the Technicolour Company will be sent from Boston. This staff will take with it into the desert all of the intricate paraphernalia necessary to the photographing of colour pictures, and as practically all of the picture will be photographed in the desert, the company will spend several weeks in camp."

"Not only because of the colour photography but also because of the dramatic story which Zane Grey has written, we expect 'The Wanderer of the Wasteland' to be one of the outstanding pictures of the year."

CHARLES CHAPLIN.

INVESTIGATING WHAT THE
PUBLIC WANTS.

"Surprising Discoveries."

In the new number of the "Adelphi"—which Mr. Middleton Murry has established as a decidedly readable and distinctive addition to the monthly magazines—there is an article called "Does the Public Know What It Wants?" by an author who signs himself "Charles Chaplin." It is a serious article, and doubtless its writer considered that it deserved a serious signature; but its interest is considerably increased when the writer is revealed as the authentic Charlie Chaplin of the films. And, without any doubt, it is a very interesting article indeed. It tells the reader hardly anything about the "public" (which is not very surprising), but it tells him a good deal about Charlie Chaplin. And what its burden really amounts to is that Mr. Chaplin (by which we may understand the earnest, reflective side of a famous comedian) has been on a pilgrimage—a pilgrimage which has led to discoveries which are as old as art itself. To put it quite shortly, the fundamental discovery of Mr. Chaplin is that he pleases the public most successfully when he pleases himself, and that he is in some danger of failure when he consciously tries to do what he thinks the public wants. Apparently he has come to this conclusion slowly and not without surprise; for, having now reached it, it leads on to the still more surprising discovery that the magnate and producers of the film world are mostly looking at their craft from an essentially wrong angle. They worry too much about the public, they try too hard to "please" it. Having found that one mixture means success their only idea is to patent and repeat it. Mr. Chaplin (bless his solemn and obviously well-meaning heart!) has reached a different conclusion. "My work," he realised, "could be no good unless I got the right spirit of joy in myself." In other words, he has realised that there is a difference between an inspiration and a formula, and that the inspiration wins every time. There is, as has already been suggested, nothing at all new about this discovery; it is the basic truth of every art. But it looks new to Mr. Chaplin; and no wonder, for the cinema trade supplies the most extreme example of the opposite heresy that the world has ever seen. The poor "movies" can scarcely move for formulas; at every turn they deliberately cultivate the letter that killeth. In these circumstances, the spectacle of Mr. Chaplin putting in a modest and slightly startled word for the spirit which marketh alive is a gratifying one. And, among other things, it helps to explain why Charlie Chaplin became a world-famous comedian.

—Manchester Guardian.

CINEMA CHATTER.

PROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT.

CORONET—Herbert Rawlinson in "The Victor."

WORLD—Jane Novak in "Divorce."

STAR—Sir J. M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy."

FILMS AND MISSIONARIES.

The Universal President has also a word to say regarding a subject which has been before the public to a considerable extent of late, namely, the educational possibilities of the film.

It is in this respect, he states, that the motion picture reveals its greatest possibilities for human announcement. It brings to all nations the customs, tastes, morals, and thoughts of every civilised country, and will be a powerful factor in the modernising and regulation of conduct and living conditions of those peoples living on the outskirts of civilisation.

Even now the film is becoming an indispensable part of the equipment of the missionary who

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Whenever a producer establishes a theatre where motion pictures have never been shown before, or infrequently, he is indirectly doing his share in the dissemination of education. The motion picture is the forerunner of progress in those towns and villages, which, cut off from the busy world, are steeped in the stagnancy of utter conservatism, and live as generations did before them.

The educational or non-theatrical film is at present just in its infancy; its potentialities are just becoming apparent. There is

SCREEN ROMANCE.

HOW HERBERT BRENON
BECAME A PRODUCER.

Herbert Brenon owes his present position as one of America's foremost motion picture directors to the loss of thirty-six dollars.

A four hundred dollar weekly profit on the operations of a theatre in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, suddenly dropped to a weekly loss of thirty-six dollars. Herbert Brenon, the proprietor, decided the class of pictures he received was too low and determined to try his skill in the production of better ones.

In the spring of 1911 he went to New York and was engaged by the old Imp studio as scenario editor. From time to time he wrote scenarios and offered them to the directors who were producing pictures under the Imp banner. His efforts were refused but his scenarios went into a drawer and were hoarded against an opportunity to produce them.

One day a director indulged in a fit of temperament and left the studio while a picture was only partly finished. Herbert Brenon, as chief of the scenario department, was called upon to finish the picture.

"It was my first attempt," said Mr. Brenon, "but I had studied the methods of D. W. Griffith whose work I considered the best then, appearing and I plunged into the struggle. After that I went right on making pictures."

That Herbert Brenon's work as a director was more than ordinarily successful is shown by the long list of famous people who afterwards received his direction. Among these are Nazimova and Pola Negri, those last two starring vehicles for Paramount, "The Dancer" and "Shadows of Paris" were Herbert Brenon productions. The first five pictures which Mr. Brenon made for the Imp studio were from his own stories.

At the present time Herbert Brenon is producing "The Breaking Point" for Paramount from the novel by Mary Roberts Rhinehart. The picture features Patsy Ruth Miller, Matt Moore, Nita Naldi and George Fawcett. It was scenarized by Julie Herne and Edfrid Bingham.

great need of co-operation to supply instructional films for use in schools and colleges.

As the inherent right of the world and humanity, every ounce of usefulness should be squeezed out of the motion picture. Education, the most compelling power on the globe, has found a new ally in the motion picture—an ally which has risen to world importance because it is ceaselessly contributing its mighty values to the world of amusement, education, business, government, history, and religion.

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REMARKABLE PICTURE OF
GREAT SAHARA.

Crossing the Great Sahara, the new travel film which was shown for the first time at the Palace Theatre, London, the other night, is a fascinating record of a fascinating journey. It describes in detail a journey from one end of the desert to the other taken by Captain Angus Buchanan and a small party.

Captain Buchanan set out at the beginning of 1922 from Kano, in Northern Nigeria, and it was not until last April that he reached Toungout, in Algeria. He had then covered 3,500 miles, and the journey had taken him nearly 16 months. Of 30 camels with which he started, only one survived the hardships of the journey, and that, his own beast, died the very day he reached the rail-head in Algeria. The film described his achievement in considerable detail, and there are in it some wonderful views of a district about which the great majority of people know very little indeed.

In the second part of the film we are shown some of the adventures of the party when they were away from civilization in the very heart of the desert. There are some interesting glimpses of the "bush people" of the Western Sudan, with some amusing pictures of their interminable dances and some remarkable views of hunting in the desert and of its varied bird and beast life. Of the last-named, the best are some "close-up" pictures of the desert-fox—an animal that is very difficult to photograph. From the military territory of the Western Sudan we are taken to the mountainous regions of

Air, and thence, after a digression, to the territory of the coast. There are some good views of the raiding tribes of the desert, and the interest is well maintained for nearly two hours and a-half.

The pictures of the animal and bird life of the desert regions are very instructive, for very little is known about the subject, and it was largely to obtain more knowledge in this direction that the expedition was organized. Capt. Buchanan paid special attention to the wild creatures in his path, and not only photographed them, but brought back to England a great number of specimens, which have added largely to scientific knowledge there.

"THE THIRD ALARM."

DRAMATIC FIRE FIGHTING
PICTURE.

At last a photodrama, constructed on gigantic lines, that sings the long-delayed praises of the firemen. It has been a long time coming, to be sure, but now that it is here in lavish reality, firemen and their hundreds of thousands of friends are rejoicing because it shows in vivid and logical sequences the degrees of service the fireman gives to his employers—the well known public.

The production is appropriately titled "The Third Alarm" and is scheduled for its initial exhibition at the Coronet Theatre on Wednesday next. That the fireman is a vital factor in the welfare of any community is brought out with smashing dramatic power in "The Third Alarm." It shows not only how diligently he serves but it also depicts in thrilling scenes the dangers he confronts; the peril he faces unconspicuously in the daily pursuit of his duties.

"The Third Alarm" is not propaganda for the firemen. Keep this point in mind. It is a powerfully dramatic story about a fireman and his little family, of his struggles for happiness, of his failure under the weight of increasing years, of his dismissal from the department and of his comeback in a conflagration so staggeringly big in its scope as to put other screen fires to shame. Then, too, there is a delightful note of romance. The unceasing loyalty of Fireman McDowell's wife, her bravery in the face of her husband's discharge, all make for drama of poignant appeal. There are young people in the cast also and their experience in love heightens the romantic interest of the story.

"The Third Alarm" unfolds a story that is right down to the level of the average American citizen and the members of his family. Its producer, Mr. Emory Johnson, has told the whole truth about the firemen just as he told the truth about the policeman in his epic photoplay "In the Name of the Law." Believing that the nation owed a just debt not only to the fire fighters of the big cities but to those of the smaller communities as well, Mr. Johnson has created "The Third Alarm" as a means of paying this debt of gratitude to the men who risk their lives day in and day out that our property may be safeguarded.

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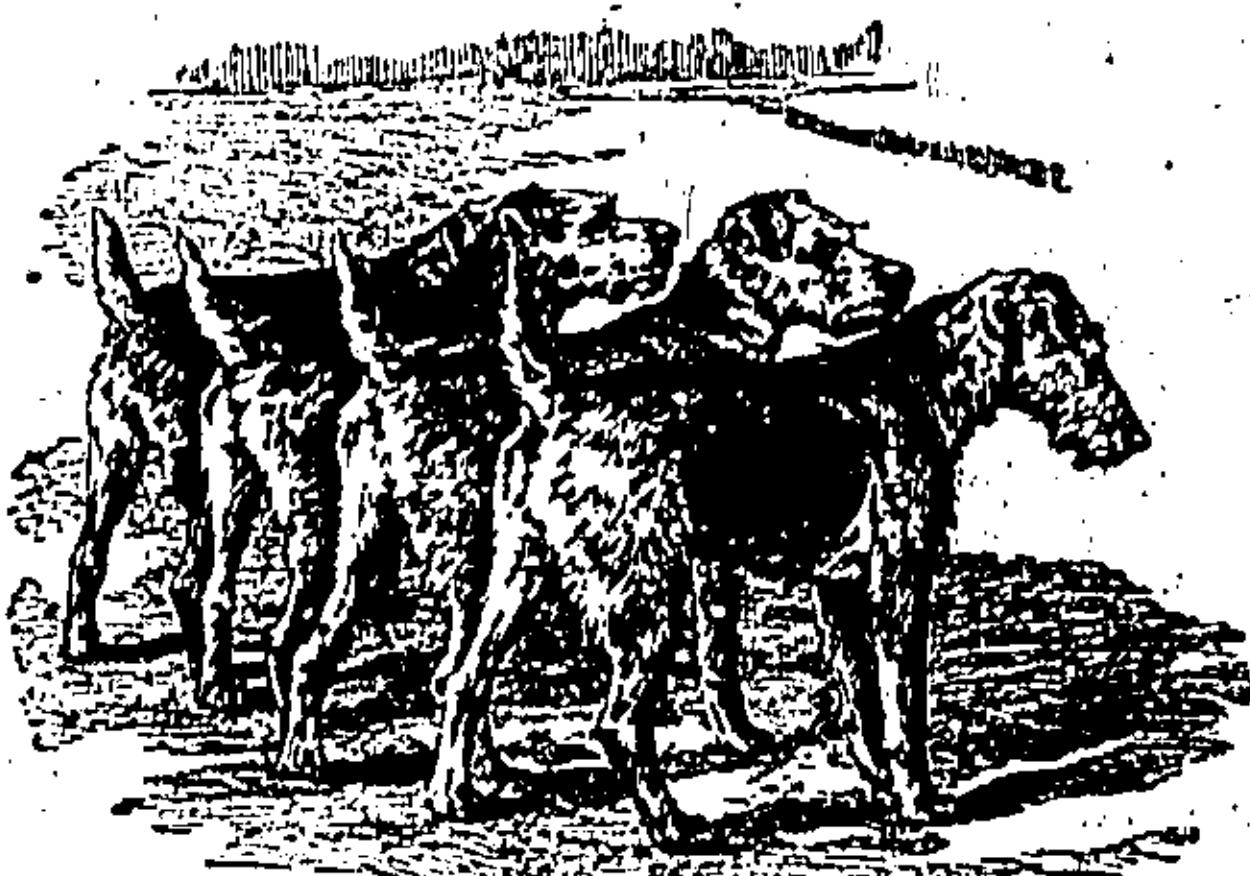
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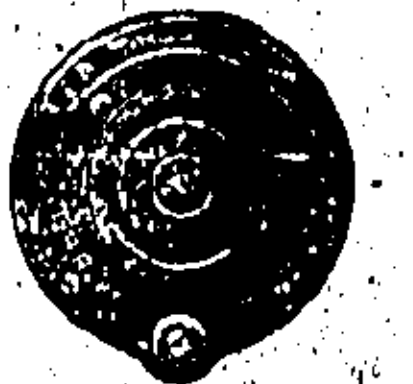
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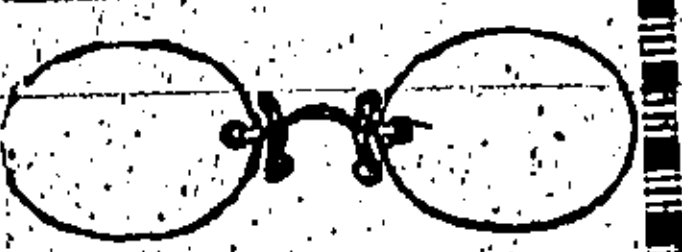
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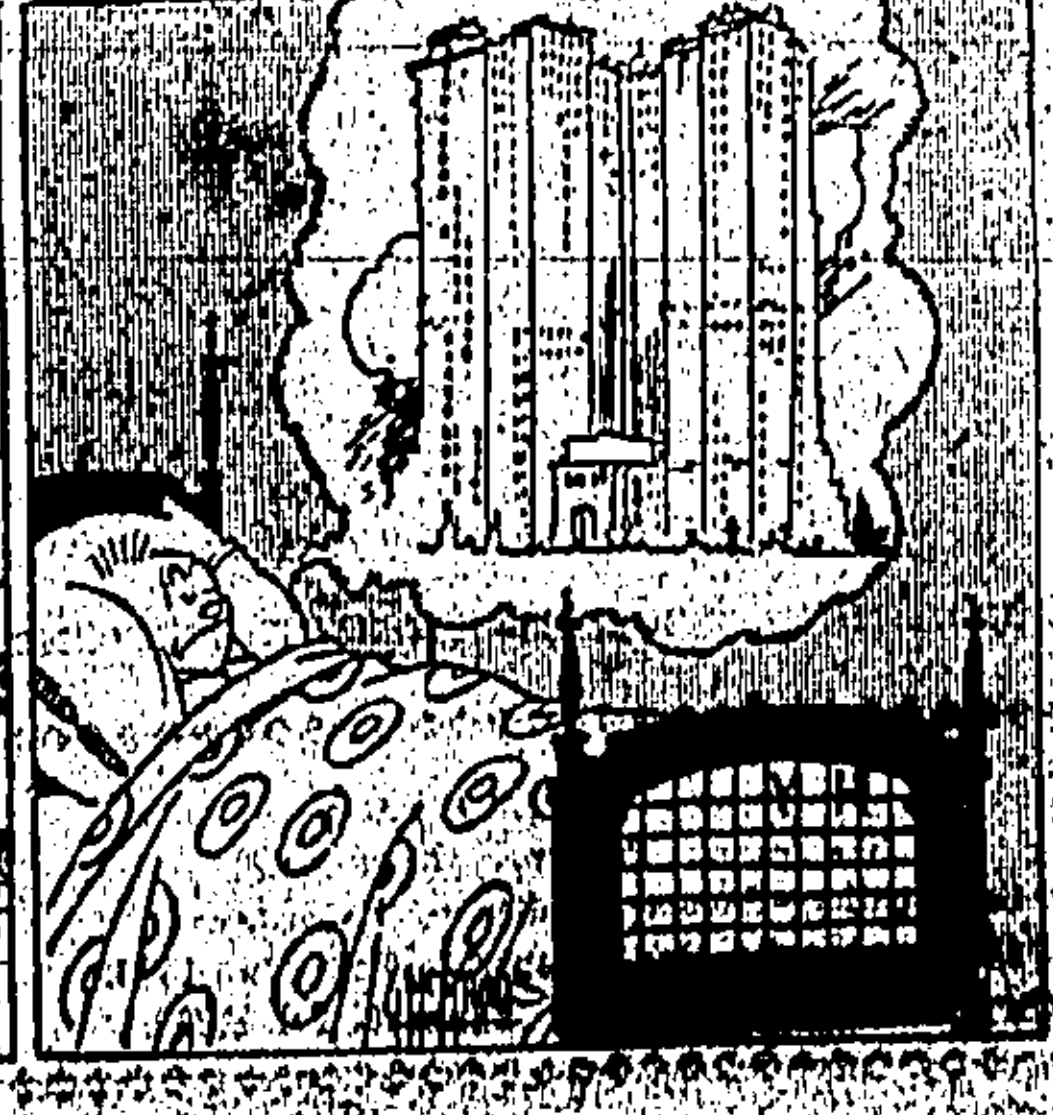
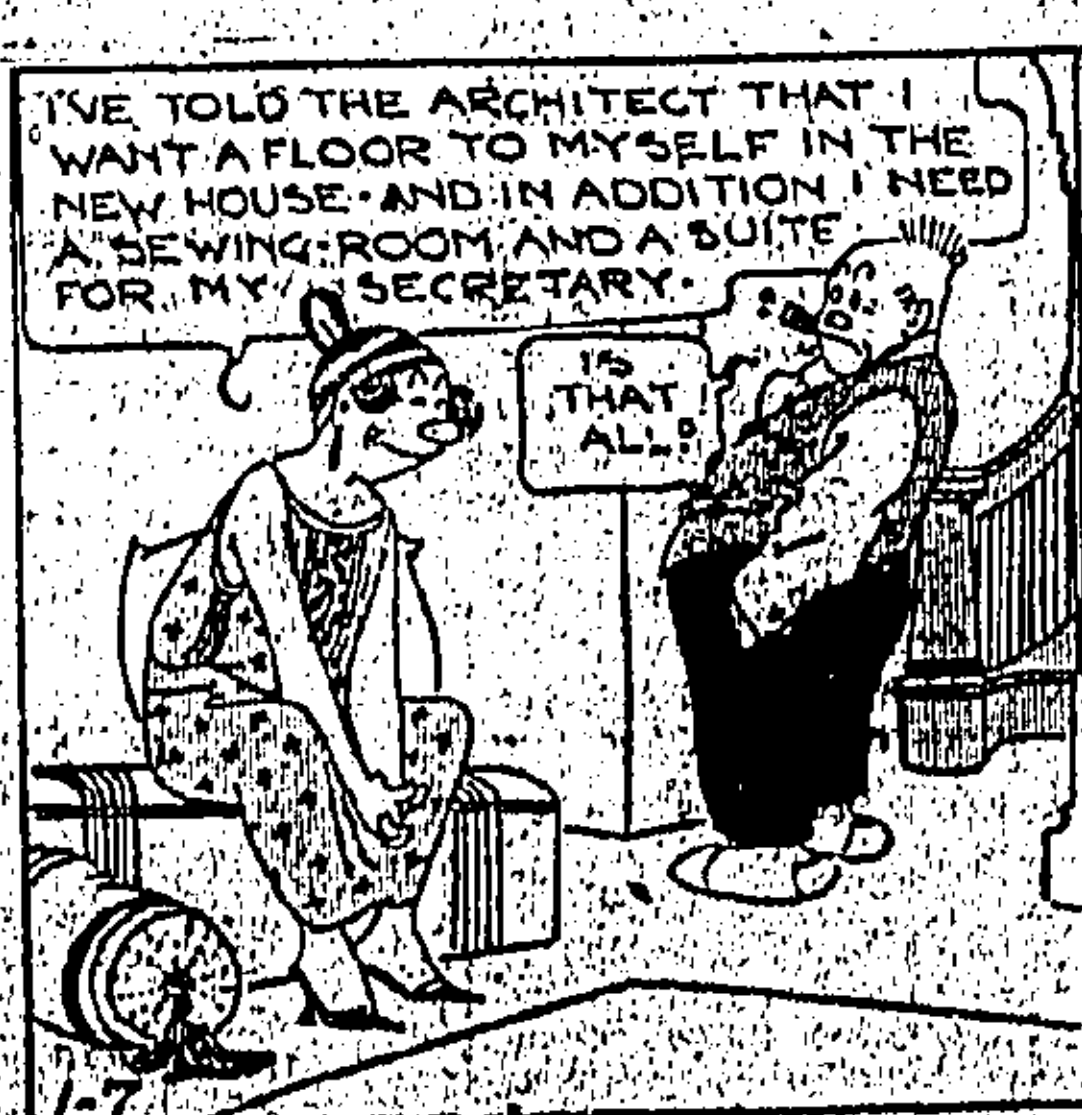
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A2.

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Liangchow, (B. & S.) for Shang-
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	2.30 p.m.
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Product	2.30 p.m.
Yokohama	2.30 p.m.
Ichang	2.30 p.m.
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Harol	2.30 p.m.
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Amakusa Maru	2.30 p.m.
Tai On	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	2.30 p.m.
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Dairen	2.30 p.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 24th Mar. and Europe via Suez (Correspondence specially supercharged via Suez—only) Parcel 4th Mar. 5 p.m. Registration 8 a.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
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Manila	2.30 p.m.
President Grant	2.30 p.m.
Eastern	2.30 p.m.
Hakozaki Maru	2.30 p.m.
Tamagawa	2.30 p.m.

Correspondence bearing vessels names only.

THE AIR MAIL TO INDIA.

POSTAL RECEIPTS OF
BURNES SCHEME.

A London wire of February 6 states—The first interim report of the Air Mails Committee says that since the Civil Aviation Advisory Board reported in 1922, estimating the cost of a weekly air mail service from Britain to India at £268,000 to £355,000 yearly; experience has proved that a considerable reduction could be effected.

The maximum revenue likely to be obtainable from the conveyance of mails was put in accordance with the views of the Post Office at about £65,000 a year. The Advisory Board's scheme assumed flight by day only with a speed of 100 miles per hour and showed a saving of 6½ days in the time of transmission between London and Bombay. It thus appears that an aeroplane service to India which reduced the time of transmission by nearly 50 per cent. might cover about one-fifth of its annual expenses out of postal revenue.

This is probably a higher proportion than is likely to be obtained by an air service on any less important route, but is still far from sufficient to justify on any commercial basis the establishment of an air service for which mail-carrying would be the main consideration.

The question of the Imperial air mails, however, has been put on a different plane by the Government acceptance of the principle of the Burnes scheme. The Government thereby has not committed itself to use the airship service for mails to any pre-determined extent. When the service has been established and has proved reliable, facilities for sending letters thereby will be offered to the public, the special air fee being fixed at the lowest rate that will enable the Post Office to pay the operating company whatever remuneration it requires for the conveyance of mails.

AMPLE SCOPE FOR AIR SERVICE.
In view of the fact that upwards of 14 tons of letters and postcards and 120 tons of printed matter and samples are sent weekly from Britain to Egypt India and Australia there will be ample scope for an air service as an addition to the existing means of transporting the mails and its superior speed should attract to it an appreciable percentage of the first class letter mail particularly if as is anticipated, the special fee can be fixed at little more than the fee now charged on the London-Paris service.

Possibly the successful establishment of an airship service will afford scope for the development of "spur" aeroplane services for the conveyance of passengers and goods mail to points at some distance from the route, for example from the Indian Terminus to Calcutta, Delhi, and Madras.

AN ANGLO-FRENCH SERVICE.
During the committee's enquiry Brigadier Spears and Commandant Faure submitted to them a scheme for a combined Anglo-French aeroplane mail service to India whereby the French service would cover the distance from Marseilles to Alexandria in 30 hours, flying day and night, and the British service would continue from Alexandria to Bombay. It is claimed that that Bombay could be reached on the fourth day after departure from London.

In view of the acceptance of the Burnes scheme the committee did not think it necessary to give detailed consideration to the proposal detailed for an aeroplane service.

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The O.S.K. s.s. "Alai Maru" sailed on Feb. 27 and is expected to arrive here to-day.

The B.F. s.s. "Antiochus" for Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow will be despatched at 3 p.m. to-day.

The T. F. s.s. "Nelson" left Liverpool on Jan. 26 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here to-morrow.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Colin H. Livingston" which is due at Hongkong to-morrow arrived at Manila on Feb. 26.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Hayes" which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 2 arrived at Shanghai on Feb. 28 on schedule.

The H. & A. s.s. "Zastrow" left Moji for this port on Feb. 28 at p.m. and is due here on Mar. 3 at about p.m.

The H. & A. s.s. "Yamagata Maru" (Colonette Line) left Moji for Hongkong on Feb. 27 and is expected here on Mar. 4.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakozaki Maru" (European Passenger Line) left Moji for Hongkong via Shanghai on Feb. 26 and is expected on Mar. 4.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" returns from Manila at 5 p.m. to-day arriving here at 7 a.m. on Mar. 3, and will call for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. on Mar. 4.

The O.S.K. s.s. "Anson Maru" left Bangkok on Feb. 27 and will be due here on Mar. 6.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Madison" which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 6 arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 26 on schedule. She has on board 500 bags of U.R. Mail for Hongkong.

The B.L. s.s. "Benlawers" from Middebro, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on Feb. 28 and may be expected to arrive here on Mar. 7.

The B.F. s.s. "Trollus" left Liverpool on Feb. 27 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Japan and Delat and is due here on or about on March 7.

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